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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First and Third Armies: As before to BETTENHAUSEN C2402 thence WINDHESN C3202 - WITZEHAUSEN C4707 - HOHENGANDERN C5310 (all to First Army) thence as before.

Boundary between First and Ninth Armies: RUHR River to NUTTLAR B4708 - ESSHOFF B5111 - RUTHEN B4821 (all to Ninth Army) - GESEKE B5338 - SALZKOTTEN B6042 - PADERBORN B7047 (all to First Army) thence as before.

Boundary between V and VII Corps: As before to RHODEN B8820 thence WETHEN B9322 - WARBURG B9822 (all to VII Corps) - HERLINGHAUSEN C0220 (to V Corps) - ZWERGEN C0821 (to VII Corps) - HOFGEISMAR C1423 (to both corps) - HOMBRESSEN C1923 - HEMEIN C3024 - GUNTERSEN C3928 - KNUTBUHREN C4428 - GOTTINGEN C5328 - MACKENRODE C6128 (all to V Corps) - WERXHAUSEN C7027 - DUEDERSTADT C7526 - BREHME C8224 (all to VII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (051200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With 9th Zouaves atchd). Relieved from attachment to II French Corps and now under direct command of the First French Army as of 3 April 1945. Attacked south, advanced up to three miles on a six-mile front and reached GRUNWINKEL R4545 and RUPPURR R4841. Captured KARLSRUHE R4845 and MUHLBURG R4646. The 9th Zouaves were attached to the division. Front line change: GRUNWINKEL R4545 - R4645 - R4842 and RUPPURR R4841 - R5446.

I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" passed through the 9th Colonial Division at RUPPURR R4841, attacked south, gained up to one-half mile and reached R4941. Front line change: R4941. 2d Moroccan Division. Attacked southeast on a four-mile front, gained up to seven miles and reached OBERGROMBACH R6253 and HEIMSHEIM R6654. Front line change: OBERGROMBACH R6253 - HEIMSHEIM R6654 - R6258. 3d Algerian Division. Attacked east on a twelve-mile front and advanced up to eight miles against moderate resistance. Front line change: OBERACKER R7157 - GOCHSHEIM R7356 - MENZINGEN R7560 - LANDSHAUSEN R7861 - SULZFELD R8156 - EPPINCEN R8560 - STEBBACH R8961.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Attacked southwest on a seven-mile front and gained up to four miles. The 397th Infantry secured a bridgehead across the NECKAR River in the vicinity of S0764 and repulsed an enemy counterattack. Front line change: R9760 - S0660 - S0864 - S0865 - S0866, 10th Armored Division. Combat Commands "A" and "B" were prepared to cross into the 100th Division bridgehead upon completion of bridge construction in the vicinity of S0764. Combat Command "R" attacked northeast against light opposition, advanced up to twenty-four miles and reached the vicinity of S4194. Front line change: S0875 and S1882 - S3090 - S3792 - S4194. 63d Division. The 253d Infantry crossed the JAGST River in the area of S1377 and seized a bridgehead up to six miles wide and one mile deep. The 254th Infantry was mopping up behind Combat Command "R" (10th Armd Div). Front line change: S1074 - S1277 - S1980.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. The 8th Infantry expanded its bridgehead across the MAIN River in the vicinity of N6622 and advanced northeast up to one and one-half

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miles. Front line change: N6926. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" advanced east on a three-mile front and gained up to one mile. Combat Command "B" passed through the 8th Infantry (4th Div), attacked northeast and gained up to five miles. Combat Command "A", in WURZBURG N5834, reached the northwest edge of the city in the vicinity of N5636. Front line change: N7813 - N7917, N7429 and N5636. 42d Division. The 227th and 232d Infantry Regiments cleared the enemy from three-fourths of WURZBURG N5834. Division reconnaissance units patrolled the west bank of the MAIN River from N5436 to N4554. Front line change: N5436 - N4554.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Attacked northeast against light resistance, gained up to sixteen miles on an eight-mile front and reached HAMMELBURG N5370. Front line change: N4062 - HAMMELBURG N5370 - N4073 - N3875. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" attacked northeast, gained up to twenty-four miles against light resistance and reached BRUCKENAU N4692. Front line change: N3876 - BRUCKENAU N4692. 45th Division. The 179th Infantry mopped up behind Combat Command "A" (14th Armd Div) and reached N4392. The 180th Infantry attacked northeast on an eight-mile front and advanced up to nineteen miles against light resistance. Front line change: N4392 - N3791 - N2786 - N2794.

'21 ARMY GROUP. (052400B). SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII British Corps. 6th Airborne Division. (With 1st Commando Bde and 15th Rcn Regt atchd). Units crossed the WESER River in the vicinity of W8216. Division reconnaissance units were in contact with the enemy on the line W8420 - W7820. Front line change: W8216 - W8420 - W7820. 11th Armored Division. The 29th Armored Brigade crossed the WESER River at two points and seized small bridgeheads at W9231 and W9235. Front line change: W9231 and W9235.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atchd). The 22d Armored Brigade attacked northeast on an eleven-mile front and gained up to twenty miles. Enemy resistance was overcome in the vicinity of V4330 after which the brigade continued the advance and reached the line W5840 - W5038 - W4246 without opposition. Front line change: W4728 - W5840 - W5038 - W4246 - W3122. 52d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde and 160th Bde atchd). Division reconnaissance units moved north on a four-mile front and gained up to six miles with no opposition. Front line change: V7915 - V7516 - V7419.

XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Attacked north on a fourteen-mile front, gained up to thirteen miles against little or no opposition and reached NEUFNHAUS V4733. Front line change: V4325 - NEUFNHAUS V4733 - V4045 - V2753 - V2430 - V2620. 2d Canadian Division. Attacked northeast, gained up to three miles and captured LAREN V0600. Front line change: LAREN V0600. 3d Canadian Division. Attacked northwest, forced a crossing over the TWENTHE Canal in the vicinity of E9797 and secured a bridgehead up to two miles wide and one mile deep. Front line change: E9898 - E9698.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (5 April). Eighth Air Force: 535 heavy bombers attacked the marshalling yards at NURNBERG 04100, PLAUEN K1120 and BAYREUTH 07556, the ordnance depot at INGOLSTADT T7125 and various other targets. 500 fighter aircraft sortied to support the operations. 9 bombers were lost. Claims included 9 enemy aircraft. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No medium bomber missions were flown. The Tactical Air Commands dispatched 895 fighter/fighter bombers on fighter sweeps and armed reconnaissance. 6 aircraft were lost. Claims included 74 enemy aircraft, 423 motor transports, 237 railroad cars and 49 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent rain. Clouds: Broken to overcast. Visibility: 2 - 4 miles at dawn, becoming 4 - 6 miles by 1100B, but limited to 1 - 2 miles in local showers. Wind: 5 mph, southwest. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 60° F. Minimum 39° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. (Army Troops). 13th Armored Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of ALSFELD H0840. 5th Division. Closed in assembly area in the vicinity of LICH G7614. 70th Division. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. The 14th Infantry commenced relief of the 2d Cavalry Group in the vicinity of FIELDEN H3004 and NEUSTADT H3307. The 5th Infantry relieved units of the 104th Infantry (26th Div) in the vicinity of H3811. Front line change: FLIEDEN H3004 - NEUSTADT H3307. 2d Cavalry Group. Continued to screen the corps south flank. 26th Division. Continued to mop up behind the advance of the 11th Armored Division. The area SCHWARZBACH H5325 - EPERTSHAUSEN J0029 - H8644 was not completely clear of enemy. 11th Armored Division. Advanced six and one-half miles east over rugged terrain and reached SCHMIEDEFELD J1727 and STUTZERBACH J2130. Front line change: SCHMIEDEFELD J1727 - STUTZERBACH J2130. 90th Division. Continued to mop up behind the 4th Armored Division in the area H8649 - H8752 - H7746.

VIII Corps. 89th Division. (Less the 355th Inf). Mopped up in EISEMACH H8167. Attacked east and gained five miles on a four-mile front against light resistance. Units of the division reached WESTHAUSEN J0772 and WIEGLEBEN J0276. Front line change: WESTHAUSEN J0772 - WIEGLEBEN J0276. 65th Division. Captured WEBERSTEDT H9482, advanced nine miles and reached LANCENSALZA J0382 against moderate resistance. Front line change: LANCENSALZA J0382. 87th Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of FRIEDEWALD H4956.

XX Corps. 6th Armored Division. Leading units of the division reconnoitered roads in the vicinity of B0902 - B0805 and C9909. 76th Division. Captured UNGSTERODE H4596, then advanced two and one-half miles northwest on a six-mile front and captured GROSSALMERODE H4397 against moderate opposition. Front line change: C4705 - GROSSALMERODE H4397. 80th Division. Advanced two miles east on a two-mile front and captured HEILIGENRODE C2802 against stubborn resistance. Front line change: C3101 - HEILIGENRODE C2802.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 86th Division. Attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps and closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of EIBELSHAUSEN G4246. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Commenced movement to an assembly area near BOLKMAREN D9613. The 38th Infantry reverted to command of the 2d Division and commenced movement to rejoin its parent unit. 69th Division. Continued to relieve the 80th Division (XX Corps). Gained six miles east on a six-mile front. Repulsed a counterattack by an estimated 150 infantrymen accompanied by two tanks in the vicinity of C3313. Captured LUTTERBERG C3110 and reached the WESER River in the vicinity of HANN MUNDEN C3314. Front line change: USCHLAG C3105 - BEINTERODE C3106 - LUTTERBERG C3110 - HANN MUNDEN C3314. 2d Division. (Less the 38th Inf). Attacked east and advanced eleven miles on an eleven-mile front against light resistance. HOFGEISMAR C1423 was captured. Front line change: WESER River C3216 - C3018 - C2421 - HOMBRESSEM C1923 - HOFGEISMAR C1423.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Attacked east from the vicinity of PADERBORN B7047 and gained up to twenty-three miles on an eight-mile front. Units reached AMELUNXEN C1147, NATINGEN C0339 and BRUCHHSN C0746 against moderate resistance from anti-tank, tank and artillery weapons. Front line change: C0834 - NATINGEN C0339 - C0442 - BRUCHHSN C0746 - AMELUNXEN C1147. 1st Division. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of PECKELSHEIM B9634. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf and with the 4th Cav Gp atchd). Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of WAMBURG D9822.

III Corps. 9th Division. (With CCA 7th Armd Div atchd). Gained three miles west on an eleven-mile front. Captured OLSEBERG B5206. Resistance was moderate. Front line change: B5401 - G5198 - G5195 - G5192 - G4587. 7th Armored Division. (Less CCA). Advanced two miles west against heavy fire from infantry weapons, artillery and tanks and captured GRAFSCHAFT G4183. Front line change: G4183. 99th Division. Gained five miles west against light opposition on a six-mile front but over rugged terrain. MUSSE G3772 was captured. Front line change: G4082 - G3979 - G3775 - G3674 - MUSSE G3772.



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XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Repulsed several small counterattacks in the vicinity of G3365, mopped up enemy infiltrations in SIEGEN G2053 and advanced two miles on an eleven-mile front against heavy opposition. Front line change: G3063 - G1855. 78th Division. Attacked across the SIEG River in the vicinity of F9543 and advanced one and one-half miles north on a five-mile front against scattered resistance. Front line change: G0547 - G0145 - F9644 - F9343 - F8847. 97th Division. Relieved units of the 78th Division along the SIEG River west of F6343.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 106th Division, 16th Armored Division and 66th Division. All no change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 109th Infantry (28th Div). No change. 16th Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of EUGKIRCHEN F3229.

NINTH ARMY. XVI Corps. 75th Division. (With 116th Inf atchd). Gained one-half mile south on a four-mile front against moderate fire from infantry weapons and artillery. Front line change: A6830 - A6930 - A7530. 29th Division. (Loss the 116th Inf). Passed to army reserve and commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of AHLEM B1051. 17th Airborne Division. (Less the 194th Gli Inf Regt). Commenced the relief of the 79th Division.

XIX Corps. 95th Division. Advanced three miles east on a three-mile front. Opposition was heavy except in the vicinity of OESTINGHSN B2537 where only light resistance was encountered. Front line change: B2533 - OESTINGHSN B2537. 8th Armored Division. (With the 194th Gli Inf Regt atchd). The 194th Glider Infantry Regiment assembled in the vicinity of STORMEDE B5038. The division advanced up to four miles south and east against moderate opposition. Front line change: B3038 - B3132 - B4322 - B4621. 83d Division. Gained thirteen miles in a westernly direction on a twelve-mile front against light and scattered resistance. Front line change: C0051 - C0356 - C0459 - B9962 - C0065 - B9966 - B9867 - B9669 - C0373. 2d Armored Division. (With the 119th Inf atchd). Gained six miles east on a six-mile front against moderate resistance. The 119th Infantry Regiment continued fighting in HAMELN C1191 against heavy, stubborn resistance. Front line change: C2180 - C2184 - C2189 - C1391. 30th Division. (Loss the 119th Inf). Continued mopping up behind the 2d Armored Division. 113th Cavalry Group. Continued to patrol in advance of the 83d Division.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Supported the attack of the 84th Division by artillery fire. Attacked east and gained seven miles on a four-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: B9994 - B9837 - B9697 - B9497. 84th Division. Attacked across the WESER River at 0500B against light resistance from Infantry weapons. The bridgehead was expanded four and one-half miles on a three-mile front against moderate opposition. Front line change: W8204 - W8303 - W8805 - W8308. 102d Division. (With the 11th Cav Gp atchd). Continued mopping up in rear areas in the vicinity of B0376.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 052400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	68,277	278,685	35,607	9,674	392,243
Non-battle					290,362
Total Casualties					682,605

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

21 Army Group

21 Army Group Main	SUCHTELN A0400
VIII British Corps	W6815
43d Division	OLDENZAAL V4412
51st Division	DNSCHREDE V4202
53d Division	ELTE V8504
7th Armored Division	W0808
11th Armored Division	W6529
Guards Armored Division	NORTHORN V5426
4th Canadian Armored Division	V3008
6th Airborne Division	W7819

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First Army Main
VIII Corps
XIII Corps
5th Division
26th Division
30th Division
65th Division
71st Division
75th Division
78th Division
79th Division
84th Division
87th Division
90th Division
102d Division
6th Armored Division
8th Armored Division
11th Armored Division
17th Airborne Division

MARBURG G7246
HERSFELD H3854
WARENDORF B1772
LICH G7614
ROSSDORF H7536
AUGUSTDORF B6968
TREFFURT H7485
FULDA H3819
MEEKINGHOVEN A7036
EICHELHARDT F9735
A4928
HERFORD B6491
FRIEDEWALD H4955
KIESELBACH H6751
A9876
MUHLHAUSEN H9094
MONNINGHAUSEN B4942
ZELLA MEHLIS J0633
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